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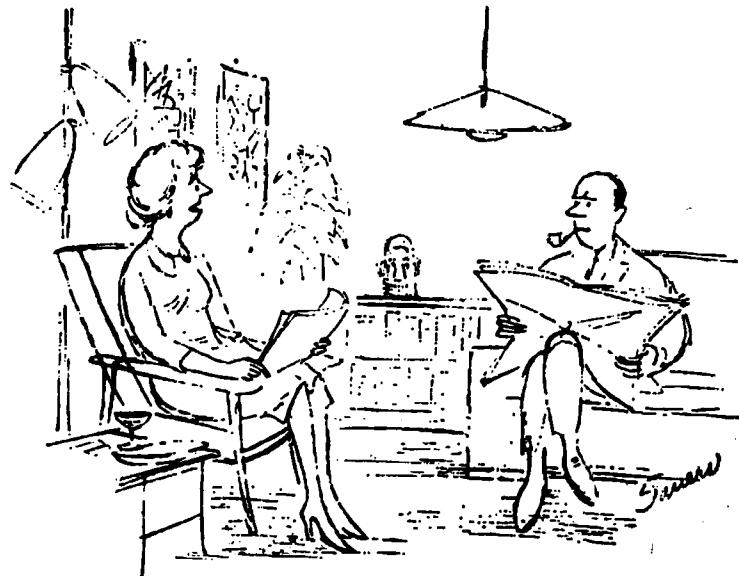
Georgetown, British Guiana. Nothing could be more crazily ironic than the arrival of British troops here last month to uphold the government of Cheddi Jagan against the violent mass riots and demonstrations then taking place. Jagan and his wife are and for many years have been avowed Marxist-Leninists. They both got post-graduate revolutionary training in the Soviet Union. They are admirers and defenders of Castro and Castroism. They have declared their intention of nationalizing Guayanian industry. They have exchanged, and continue to exchange missions with Soviet bloc nations, toward which they openly orient both their political and economic plans. For good measure, their party (People's Progressive Party) expresses an extreme racism: it is based on the Guianans of East Indian origin, and its racial bias is directed not only against the comparatively small numbers of whites and part-whites, but also against the large Negro portion of the population. Jagan and his wife, it may be added, were officially as well as privately welcomed last year on a visit to the United States, and have been getting U.S. aid, in spite of the correct estimate of their politics that was presented some time ago by CIA.

Belfast. The announcement last month that the Irish Republican Army was going to suspend operations had considerably more practical significance for Northern Ireland than the outside world, which has been shielded from news of IRA operations, generally realizes. After some years of quiescence the IRA began in 1956 its most sustained terrorist campaign since Southern Ireland got Home Rule. A million dollars worth of damage was done in the first month, with attacks against barracks, police stations, bridges, radio stations, etc. Railroad trains and mail have been seized, canals blown up, and many persons have been killed. The border between Northern Ireland and Eire has had to be reinforced into a minor iron curtain, guarded by wire, armed security forces, helicopters and police dogs. It is believed that most of the IRA financing, in this period as earlier, has come from Americans of Irish origin.

London. A newly issued White Paper, "The Next Five Years," outlines the Government's perspective on defense policy for 1962-67. Among the significant points: 1) All submarines constructed from now on will be nuclear. 2) An ultimate strategy of deterrence by all appropriate means, nuclear or conventional, will be maintained. 3) The British Bomber Command is now, and will be, maintained at a level capable of inflicting unacceptable retaliation. 4) During this period Kenya will cease being a British strategic base; Malta, Cyprus, Libya and Gibraltar will become of minor importance; Hong Kong and Singapore will be maintained; Aden (with its key location for the Middle East and East Africa) will be built up. 5) An operational staff is now in continuous readiness to man the war room. 6) A long war in Europe with

fighting restricted to large armies with conventional arms is not envisaged, and Britain will not greatly enlarge the size of its conventional forces.

Cairo. Gamal Abdel Nasser's political career illustrates what Communists would call the "dialectical" nature of "Arab nationalism." In his junior *Mein Kampf*, Egypt's *Liberation: The Philosophy of the Revolution*, Nasser prophesied that the "Arab revival," fused with Islam, would unify the entire Moslem world—Indonesia, Malaya, Pakistan, the Soviet Moslem nations, the Middle East and the Moslem areas of sub-Saharan Africa—with Egypt, of course, as dynamic center. But in fact Arab nationalism has turned out to have only a negative common trait (anti-West, anti-Israel) and not even that in all cases. The different national leaders—Nasser, Saud, Kassem, King Hussein, the Sheik of Kuwait, Mustafa Barzani—attack each other as butchers, thieves, reactionaries, paid imperialist agents, hashish addicts. All that remains of the grandiose scheme expressed in "United Arab Republic" is the empty shell of the name. At the moment the only Moslem ruler with whom the revolutionary Nasser has close relations is the still rather feudal King Hassan of Morocco; and that friendship rests on little more than Nasser's support of Morocco's claim to Mauretania.



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"If it's true we're declining, how is it we aren't having as much fun as the Romans?"

London. The London Appreciation Society has just completed its thirtieth year, still under the presidency of its founder, Mr. H. L. Bryant. The membership (now 250) has successfully resisted all impulses to turn the organization into anything other than what its name portends. The Society does not try to improve, reform, rebuild or preserve anything or anyone. The members merely aim to extend and increase their appreciation of everything that London has: persons, buildings, restaurants, industries, art, music, legend. . . . A favorite Society custom is an evening walk (perhaps after dinner in a newly discovered restaurant) that ends with "social conviviality in a tavern."

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